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LB 109

PRESIDENT: Senator George, would you close please, if there is any.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you Mr. President. I feel tempted to probably call for adjournment too because nobody really is listening. Maybe I should totally repeat what I said just two minutes ago. I guess maybe some of it sunk in. Since there were no other questions I can, of course, assume that everybody understood what I said, and everybody totally agrees with what I said. Therefore, I move for the question.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. We're voting on Senator George's amendment. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment passes.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, we have a motion offered by Senator Bereuter. (Read Bereuter amendment found on page 958 of the Journal).

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

CLERK: Then Senator Keyes, Mr. President, moves to amend the Bereuter amendment. (Read Keyes amendment found on page 958 of the Journal).

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. There has already been substantial discussion on the Kelly amendment. I am incorporating it, as I indicated. That amendment is on your desks now in the form of a one-half page piece of paper. I believe that the approval of the Legislatures' Appropriations Committee is really insignificant. What is significant is what is eventually approved in the budget bill here today, I mean in the future as it comes to the floor. I believe that you are delegating to the Appropriations Committee something that really does not take away substantially from the Legislatures' full powers, because you do retain the power of the purse here, as a body, when a budget bill comes to you in the future. Now additionally I have proposed that two sentences be added. They are shown on the amendment. I believe that once we adopt a plan presented to us by the Game and Parks Commission, that is only a first step. There are going to be changes in the plan. That plan ought to come back to us from the Game Commission, annually, showing us how they are accommodating the various factors that may change-- increased costs on some of the projects, more or less revenue coming in than expected, things like that. Secondly, Senator Koch did present to me some comments that I think are quite valid, and that is that the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee ought to have some input as well. While this may not be satisfactory to him, I think that the primary role for any kind of appropriation action does relate to, and is the responsibility of the Appropriations Committee, but the input is needed from this substantive committee because of its concentration on recreation matters. Therefore, I move for the adoption of this amendment to LB 109.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Keyes amendment is written on top of the Bereuter amendment. It simply says "And the Revenue Committee".

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